

TOWN BOARD

The Town of Highlands held a special meeting on Thursday, December 30, 2010 at Town Hall, 254 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Edward Magryta ---- Supervisor
 Holly Gokey ---- Council Member
 Laurie R. Tautel ---- Council Member
 Mervin R. Livsey, Jr. ---- Council Member

ABSENT: William Edsall ---- Council Member

Supervisor Magryta opened the meeting at 7pm.

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to adopt the resolution to Undertake and Implement a Reassessment for the 2012 Assessment Roll.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 3-ayes (Magryta, Tautel, Gokey)
 1-nay (Livsey)
 1-absent (Edsall)

******RESOLUTION ATTACHED******

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to go into Executive session. Board went into executive session at 7:30pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-ayes (Magryta, Tautel, Gokey, Livsey)
 0-nays
 1-absent (Edsall)

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 9:59pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-ayes (Magryta, Tautel, Gokey, Livsey)
 0-nays
 1-absent (Edsall)

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to adjourn the special meeting. Special meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-ayes (Magryta, Tautel, Gokey, Livsey)
 0-nays
 1-absent (Edsall)

Attest,

**RESOLUTION
OF
DECEMBER 30, 2010**

Council Member **Tautel** presented the following resolution which was seconded by Council Member **Gokey**:

WHEREAS, Section 305 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law mandates uniform and equitable assessments; and

WHEREAS, computer-assisted mass appraisal systems and technical advice are available by cooperative agreement with the New York State Office of Real Property Services; and

WHEREAS, the last reassessment of our real property took place in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Town to complete a reassessment in accordance with Section 305 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Assessor of the Town of Highlands is hereby authorized to undertake and implement a reassessment for the 2012 assessment roll.

SECTION 2. That the Town Board agrees, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finances Office of Real Property Tax Services, to support the Town's assessment staff in this reassessment.

SECTION 3. That the Town Board and the Assessor are authorized to enter into any necessary agreements to achieve this purpose. Any agreements resulting in an expenditure by the Town of Highlands must first be approved by the Town Board. Any agreement with a private contractor to provide services for this reassessment shall be entered into only upon review by Town Attorney Justin Rider of Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C., and the Assessor.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resolute as follows:

Holly Gokey, Council Member	voting: Aye
William Edsall, Council Member	voting: Absent
Laurie R. Tautel, Council Member	voting: Aye
Mervin R. Livsey, Jr., Council Member	voting: Nay
Edward Magryta, Supervisor	voting: Aye